



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5188

LCO No. 2363

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

An Act Concerning The Monthly Allowance For The Surviving Spouse Of A Member Of The Division Of State Police.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 5-146 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) If any member of the Division of State Police within the
4 Department of Public Safety in employment on June 21, 1961, who has
5 elected survivors' benefits, or any state police officer who commenced
6 employment subsequent to June 21, 1961, and who in either event was
7 not subject to the federal Insurance Contributions Act for such
8 employment, dies from any cause before retirement from state service,
9 leaving a surviving spouse or dependent unmarried children under
10 the age of eighteen years, there shall be paid survivors' allowances
11 from the State Employees Retirement Fund on and after July 1, 1982,
12 on the following basis: (1) To the surviving spouse, a monthly
13 allowance of five hundred fifty dollars commencing immediately upon
14 the death of such member of the Division of State Police within the
15 Department of Public Safety payable for the surviving spouse's lifetime
16 or until subsequent remarriage; (2) if there are less than three

17 surviving dependent children, a monthly allowance of two hundred
18 fifty dollars per child payable to the surviving spouse or other
19 guardian until each child reaches the age of eighteen or until the
20 child's marriage if such occurs earlier; (3) if there are three or more
21 surviving dependent children, a monthly allowance of five hundred
22 seventy-five dollars to be divided equally among all the dependent
23 children; as each such dependent child reaches the age of eighteen
24 years, or marries, if such occurs earlier, that child's share shall be
25 deemed divided equally among the remaining surviving children,
26 provided each child's share shall not exceed two hundred fifty dollars;
27 when the shares of all but one of such surviving children have ceased,
28 the pension to the remaining surviving child shall be two hundred fifty
29 dollars.

30 (b) On July 1, 2001, and on July first of each subsequent year, any
31 person who is eligible for the survivors' allowance under subsection (a)
32 of this section shall be entitled, in addition to such survivors'
33 allowance, to an annual cost-of-living allowance which reflects the
34 increase, if any, in the national consumer price index for urban wage
35 earners and clerical workers for the previous twelve-month period,
36 provided such cost-of-living allowance shall not exceed three per cent.
37 Such cost-of-living allowance shall be computed on the basis of the
38 combined survivors' allowance and cost-of-living allowances, if any, to
39 which such person was entitled as of the June thirtieth immediately
40 preceding.

41 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~[subsection (a)]~~
42 subsections (a) and (b) of this section, survivors' allowances may be
43 paid from the State Employees Retirement Fund in such amounts and
44 commencing on such dates as may conform to the terms of any
45 prevailing collective bargaining agreement effective on or after July 1,
46 1979, between the state and the employees' representative for state
47 police officers. If survivors' allowances are paid in conformance with
48 any such agreement, each person eligible for survivors' benefits under
49 the terms of this section shall be paid such allowances.

50 [(c)] (d) The Retirement Commission shall, at least once every two
51 years, prepare a valuation of the assets and liabilities of the fund with
52 respect to the system of benefits provided by this section and sections
53 5-147 to 5-151, inclusive. Such valuation shall be prepared for the
54 purpose of determining the cost of funding such system and the cost of
55 funding such system on an actuarial reserve basis.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide an annual cost-of-living adjustment for survivors of members of the Division of State Police.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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